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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF CISCO 2

REF: KHARTOUM 1226

1. I ASSUME THAT BY THIS TIME YOU HAVE SEEN AMBASSADOR BREWER'S REPORT (REFTEL) WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED DIRECT TO YOU FROM KHARTOUM AND REPORTS CONFIRMED RELEASE OF TWO OF THE REMAINING THREE AMERICANS HELD BY ERITREAN DISSIDENTS.

2. THE TWO MEN HAVE BEEN HELD BY THE ERITREAN POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES SINCE JULY AND THEIR RELEASE IS THE RESULT OF THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE SUDANESE. YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT THE GOS AND NIMEIRI PERSONALLY HAD PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE RELEASE OF TWO OTHER AMERICANS HELD BY ERITREAN DISSIDENTS IN EARLY JANUARY. WE CONSEQUENTLY TOOK A SMALL SYMBOLIC STEP TOWARD NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH THE GOS BY AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF A SMALL SELF-HELP PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY AMBASSADOR BREWER.

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3. THE GOS HAS ASKED THAT PUBLICITY ON THE RELEASE BE

HELD TO A MINIMUM AND THAT THERE BE NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF
SUDANESE EFFORTS IN THAT REGARD. WE WILL ANNOUNCE THE

RELEASE AT TODAY'S BRIEFING IN LINE WITH THOSE CONCERNS,
ESPECIALLY SINCE ONE AMERICAN IS STILL BEING HELD. EAGLEBURGER

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